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MARCH 13, 1975.

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1. REF: MEXICO 2118

1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY

A. BASED ON STATISTICS FURNISHED BY THE MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL
POLICE, CULIACAN HEADQUARTERS, 1,533 ACRES OF POPPY FIELDS HAVE
BEEN DESTROYED DURING THE FIRST EIGHT WEEKS OF THE 1975 MEXICAN
ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. 51 COLUMNS OF TROOPS TOTTALLING 663 MEN ARE
AT WORK.

B. APPROXIMATELY 3,467 ACRES REMAIN TO BE DESTROYED. REPORTS
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT FIELDS ARE BEING REPLANTED AND YOUNG
PLANTATIONS ARE BEING SIGHTED IN SINALOA.

C. INTERDICTION OF NARCOTICS AT ROADBLOCKS HAS MET WITH LITTLE
SUCCESS AND NO ARRESTS OR SEIZURES WERE EFFECTED DURING THIS
REPORTING PERIOD. THE WORD IS OUT AND TRAFFICKERS ARE AVOIDING
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THE ROADBLOCKS.

D. TWO (AT TIMES THREE
) BELL 212 HELICOPTERS, TWO BELL 206
HELICOPTERS, AND THREE CESSNA 185'S WERE OPERATING DURING THIS
REPORTING PERIOD IN SUPPORT OF THE FIFTY-ONE COLUMNS OF TROOPS
IN THE MOUNTAINS.

E. DUE TO OVERCAST WEATHER, NO MISSIONS WERE FLOWN BY "COMPASS
TRIP" AND NO REFERRALS WERE REPORTED OUT. PERSONNEL CONTINUED
TO IDENTIFY AND PLOT FIELDS PHOTOGRAPHED ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS.
TO DATE, 2,970 SQUARE MILES HAVE BEEN COVERED AND 1,535 POPPY
FIELDS LOCATED.

2. STATISTICS

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	466
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	1,030,476M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	32,418,366

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	68
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	206,030M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	3,656,269

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	6
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	11,600M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	517,500

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS

OPIUM POPPIE'S

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	3,366
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SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	6,204,908M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	162,023,338

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1,203
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	3,149,767M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	128,613,550

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	122
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	660,070M2
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	29,373,243

OTHER SEIZURES AND DESTRUCTION

BUNDLES OF POPPIES DESTROYED	34
BUNDLES OF MARIHUANA DESTROYED	26
ARRESTED AT FARM SITES	20
DRYING SHEDS DESTROYED	53
IRRIGATION PUMPS DESTROYED	2
TRACTORS SEIZED	1
METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE DESTROYED	5,285

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

ALTHOUGH ROADBLOCKS WERE UNPRODUCTIVE, THE FOLLOWING FIGURES REPRESENT ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT AS AN EXTENSION OF INTERDICTION OPERATIONS.

1 FARMER ARRESTED

2,050 METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE DESTROYED

200 GRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED

1 BUNDLE OF MARIHUANA DESTROYED

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS

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326 TOTAL ARRESTS IN THE FOUR STATES OF SINALOA, CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO, AND SONORA, SINCE 1-15-75 TO 3-11-75, FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS, GUN VIOLATIONS, CONTRABAND VIOLATIONS AND OTHER VIOLATIONS.

38 VEHICLES SEIZED.

3 LIGHT AIRPLANES SEIZED.

52,413 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED OR DESTROYED.

96 RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND HAND GUNS SEIZED.

15 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED.

14,475 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED

3 LITERS OF OPIUM CONCENTRATE (MORPHINE BASE) DESTROYED.

12 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED.

1,020 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED.

28,120 KILOGRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED.

1 HAND GRENADE SEIZED.

2,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED.

E. HEROIN LABORATORIES

A TOTAL OF 8 SEIZED THUS FAR.

3. COMMENTS:

A. NO MAJOR EVENTS OCCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. AS OF THIS DATE ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR THE MFJP HAVE NOT ARRIVED IN CULIACAN BUT ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY.

B. SPARE PARTS FOR HELICOPTERS REMAIN A MAJOR PROBLEM.

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C. WORKING RELATIONS WITH ALL MEXICAN OFFICIALS, AGENTS, PILOTS AND DEA PERSONNEL REMAIN GOOD.

D. MANY OF THE MEXICANS INVOLVED IN THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR OPINION THAT THE ONLY WAY COMPLETELY TO DESTROY THE POPPIES AND MARIHUANA IS BY THE USE OF HERBICIDES.

E. IN MAZATLAN AN IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION IS PRESENTLY UNDERWAY OF THE FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE FOR SINALOA WHO IS SUSPECTED OF ACCEPTING BRIBES TO RELEASE SEVERAL LARGE-SCALE NARCOTIC VIOLATORS AND CONTRABAND SMUGGLERS. MEXICAN OFFICIALS IN CULIACAN SAY THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THE DISTRICT JUDGE OF ACCEPTING MONEY ON NUMEROUS CASES.
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